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This is from our expert hydrologist used by DOJ in litigation. I just want you to have her information should you need it.

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Joy and Laurianne,

We saw the awful news about the spill into the Animas River. I am writing you to see if we can help EPA in any way with the response, monitoring, or assessment. I'm sure EPA will want to do an evaluation to understand the nature and magnitude of consequences of the release, and potentially evaluate mitigation options. I see in the paper that there are concerns about smothering, but it also appears there's quite a bit of Zn in the discharge. We could send a team down there to help with electrofishing (to evaluate potential effects on trout abundance) and possibly ongoing in situ bioassays (to confirm when the river is "safe"), combined with sediment and BMI sampling. Please let me know if there is anything you need.

I hope you are both well.

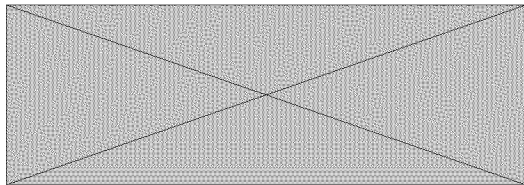
Regards,

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